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KUZMAN BILL ON NATIONAL GUARD PASSED UNANIMOUSLY OUT OF HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS -- Senate Bill 304, legislation co-sponsored by State Rep. Bob Kuzman (D-Crown Point) that will exempt the surviving spouse and children of National Guard members who are killed on active duty from payment of tuition and other mandatory fees at a state educational institution, is now eligible for final approval by the governor.

This is similar to benefits that are offered to the surviving spouse and children of law enforcement officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty.

"We ask a lot of our men and women who are in the service and it is only right that we should do something positive for them and their loved ones in return," said Kuzman.

The State Adjutant General has sole responsibility for deciding who is eligible for the tuition exemption.

The bill also specifies that the income a National Guard member earns while deployed overseas is exempt from consideration in determining eligibility for the Frank O'Bannon Grant Program, which provides assistance to Hoosier students based on need. Additionally, certain application deadlines for student assistance are extended or waived.

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